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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

KASHIMA, et al.

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Examiner: Smith, Carolyn L.

For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING THE SOURCE OF GENETIC
INFORMATION IN DNA

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group V (e.g., drawn to DNA as defined by claims 5-14), without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Species A on which at least claims 5-14 are readable, without traverse. The Examiner indicates that claims 4-14 are generic to all species. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected species later.